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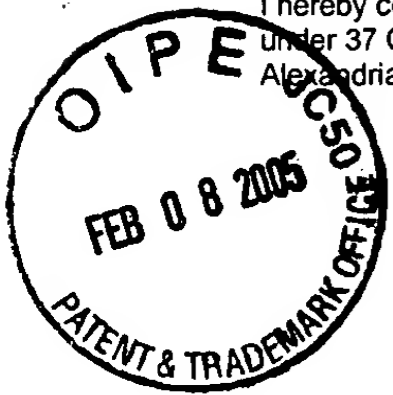
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

GREENFIELD, I. Lawrence

Application No.: 09/724,613

Filed: November 28, 2000

For: COMPOSITIONS, METHODS, AND  
KITS FOR ISOLATING NUCLEIC  
ACIDS USING SURFACTANTS  
AND PROTEASES

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**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Applicant now responds to the Office Action mailed November 8, 2004.

Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper at pages 2-18.

**Remarks** follow the amendments section of this paper at page 19.